



COLLEGE COUNSELING CRIER

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UPCOMING STANDARDIZED TEST DATES

ACT Test Dates*

February 8, 2025

April 5, 2025

June 14, 2025

July 12, 2025

SAT Test Dates*

March 8, 2025

May 3, 2025

June 7, 2025

*If you will be taking these tests
with accommodations, please
contact [Ms. From](#).

Save the Dates*

Junior Parent Kickoff

Monday, January 13

6:30 – 8:00pm

Blair Auditorium

EARLY JOY IN JANUARY!!!

As we all know, waiting to hear back from a college can be stressful. To date, our students have submitted **over 1500** applications. Many of our students who applied through Early Decision, Restrictive/Single Choice Early Action, Early Action, and Rolling Admission plans have received their decisions; **290** acceptances have been offered so far with more to come!

Later this month and into early-to-mid February, we anticipate Early Action admissions decisions to be released for the University of Maryland, the University of Michigan, and the University of Virginia, to name just a few.

As a reminder to our seniors, please let us know all admission decisions once you receive them. We want to celebrate with you and provide you with support, advice, and encouragement!

REMINDER: JUNIOR PARENT KICKOFF!

Our College Counseling Kick-Off for junior parents and guardians begins at **6:30pm on Monday, January 13**. Hosted in Howard Auditorium of the Blair Center for the Arts, our College Counseling team will use this time to elaborate upon our office's philosophy, timeline, and expectations. We are excited to partner with you as we begin the Class of 2026's journey.

The juniors are scheduled for an initial class meeting with the College Counseling team on **Tuesday, January 14**, also in Howard Auditorium of the Blair Center for the Arts. We will be covering many introductory topics, and are looking forward to working closely with the entire Class of 2026 as they begin their college search process.



SUMMER TIME!

Colleges and universities around the country offer summer programs for high school students. These programs are an excellent way for students to get a feel for college life by taking classes and meeting diverse students who share their interests. We've often found that students can more concretely express their "why" when completing college applications after having meaningful summer experiences. Keep in mind that these college summer programs are just one way, and certainly not the only way, for students to approach their summers intentionally in preparation for the college process.

To find these opportunities, please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling webpage. Updates will be made continuously, so we encourage you to revisit the site regularly. As in the past, we've provided focal groups for a more specific search. If students need help throughout the summer program application process, we in College Counseling are happy to provide guidance and assistance.

RESOURCES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- The National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) and TeenLife provides this guide to highlight experiential learning, why high school students should learn how to network, and a selection of pre-college programs to help inspire high schoolers to take charge of their summer.
[Guide to NSLC Pre-College Summer Programs 2025](#)
- [FAFSA 101 – Top 10 to-dos for financial aid](#)
- [Top Scholarships for High School Seniors \(Class of 2025\) and High School Juniors \(Class of 2026\)](#)
- The College Essay Guy is hosting an upcoming webinar: **5 Ways Parents Can Support Their Teen With the College Process**. The event takes place on **Tuesday, January 14 from 7–8pm**. A recording of this session will be emailed to all registrants within 1-2 business days after the event. [REGISTER](#)
- Whether you're dreaming of Spanish language immersion in Costa Rica, rock climbing in the American Southwest, or pursuing a virtual internship from the comfort of your living room, there are so many gap year options to choose from. This fair is an opportunity to meet gap year program providers, counselors, and alumni from all over the world.
[Washington DC USA Gap Year Fair 2025](#) – **January 26, 2025, 1–4pm, Edmund Burke School**
- Visit with over **100 exhibitors** representing every way high school students can spend their summer: pre-college programs on university campuses, local community service, study abroad, test prep, teen travel, research programs, camps, and everything in between.
[National Summer Program Fair](#) – **January 30, 2025, 4:30–7pm, Hilton Alexandria Marks Center**